

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
March 23, 2012**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha Sauls, Ph.D., President
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Carol Webb, Ph.D.

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General (via conference call)
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst (oral examinations only)
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor (oral examinations only)

Dr. Sauls, Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2012, meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondence(s) received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Emily Hervey and Dr. Melanie Bliss

Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Request:

- Dr. Anita Salamon-Rule 510-7-.01 Renewal, Reinstatement, Inactive License

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Dr. Camille Shea-Rule 510-3-.02- Licensure by Endorsement, Qualification of Applicants

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

No report presented

Probation Report:

- Dr. Paul Schlachter, PSY001103- Probation termination request presented

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to terminate the probation status upon the receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

GPA Liaison Report:

The GPA Liaison report was presented to the Board by Dr. Barbara Calhoon. GPA annual conference is scheduled for April 21, 2012.

Public Rules Hearing 1:00 p.m.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-.06, WELFARE OF CLIENTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to clarify the limitations of a psychologist's ability to advise a client with respect to medications prescribed to the client by a prescribing provider.

Main Features: The amended rule adds a provision clarifying the limitations of a psychologist's ability to advise a client regarding the psychological benefits of medications prescribed to the client by the client's prescribing provider.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-.06 WELFARE OF CLIENTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

510-5-.06 Welfare of Clients and Other Professional Relationships. Amended.

(1) Consultations and Referrals.

(a) Psychologists arrange for appropriate consultations and referrals based principally on the best interests of their client/patients, with appropriate consent, and subject to other relevant considerations, including applicable law and contractual obligations.

(b) Psychologists' referral practices are consistent with law.

(2) Continuity of Care.

(a) Psychologists shall make arrangements for another appropriate professional or professionals to deal with the emergency needs of his/her patients or clients, as appropriate, during periods of foreseeable absence from professional availability, unless section 10.10 of the Code of Ethics is applicable.

(b) Psychologists make reasonable efforts to plan for continuity of care in the event that psychological services are interrupted by factors such as the psychologist's illness, death, unavailability or by the client/patient's relocation or financial limitations.

(c) ~~**Confidentiality After Termination of Professional Relationship.**~~ Confidentiality after Termination of Professional Relationship: Psychologists shall continue to treat as confidential, information regarding client/patients after the professional relationship between the psychologist and the client/patient has ceased.

(3) Delegation to and Supervision of Supervisees of Psychological Services.

(a) Psychologists shall not delegate professional responsibilities to a person who is not qualified to provide such services. Psychologists delegate to supervisees, with the appropriate level of supervision, only those responsibilities that such persons can reasonably be expected to perform competently and ethically based on the supervisee's education, training, and experience.

(b) Psychologists shall not delegate responsibilities or accept supervisory responsibilities for work which they are not qualified and personally competent to perform. Psychologists must retain full, complete, and ultimate authority and responsibility for the professional acts of supervisees.

(c) The supervisee must have appropriate education and training, including training in ethical issues, to perform the delegated functions. The psychologist is responsible for determining the competency of the supervisee and will not assign or allow the supervisee to undertake tasks beyond the scope of the supervisee's training and/or competency. The psychologist is also responsible for providing the supervisee with specific instructions regarding the limits of his/her role as supervisee.

(d) The supervisee must fully inform the patient or client receiving services of his or her role as supervisee and the right of the patient or client to confer with the supervising psychologist with regard to any aspect of the services, care, treatment, evaluation, or tests being performed.

(e) When clinical psychological services are rendered, the psychologist must take part in the intake process, must personally make the diagnosis when a diagnosis is required, and must personally approve and co-sign a treatment plan for each patient or client. The psychologist must meet personally with the supervisee on a continuous and regular basis concerning each patient or client and must review the treatment record, including progress notes, on a regular basis as appropriate to the task(s). The psychologist must provide a **minimum** of one hour of supervision for every 20 hours of face-to-face clinical contact. The psychologist shall not take primary supervisory responsibility for more than three supervisees engaged in psychological services concurrently without Board approval.

(f) The selection and interpretation of psychological tests shall only be made by the psychologist. The psychologist must personally interview the patient when a diagnosis is made or is requested. In any written report, including psychological evaluations, the psychologist must approve and sign the report. When the supervisee does not participate in the actual writing of a report, but does administer and/or score psychological tests, the supervisee is not required to sign the report, but his or her name must be listed as the

person who participated in the collection of the data in the report. When the supervisee personally participates in the writing of any report, then both the psychologist and the supervisee must sign the report.

(g) When the delegation and supervision of psychological services is being conducted for training purposes towards licensure, psychologists must comply with the Rules regarding internships, fellowships and/or postdoctoral supervised work experience.

(4) Consultation with other psychologists, physicians, other health care professionals, and/or clients/patients regarding all available treatment options with respect to provisions of care for a specific client or patient is within the scope of the practice of psychology. If medications are discussed with clients/patients, the ultimate decision and subsequent responsibility for prescribing medication lies solely with the prescribing provider.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5 and 43-39-13

Following discussion, the Board decided to withdraw the proposed rule amendment to 500-5-.06 Welfare of Clients and Other Professional Relationships, with the notation that in the future, should the Board decide to revisit the proposed amendment, they will do so in cooperation with Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association (GPPA).

Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to withdraw the proposed rule amendment to 500-5-.06. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion Continued:

The Board discussed possible amendments to Rule 510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to deliberate on applications, oral examinations, complaints, and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Meck and Grammer

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 23, 2012, Dr. Saul's declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. A.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. K.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. E.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. L.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. N.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. E. H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. A.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. K.M. | Approved to sit for exam |

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| 9. J.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. L.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. K.S. | Approved to sit for exam |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. R.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. G.R. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. G. S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
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Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Binford, Robert | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Clark-Plowman, Dawn | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Connell, Robert | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Finley, Katherine | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Glickaufm, Cheryl | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Jenkins, Charles | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Klaiman, Cheryl | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Rice, Catherine | Approved for licensure |

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the full Board Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Appearance:

- C.S. Board decision stands. Application denied. Applicant does not meet the educational or residency requirements.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

- Janet Bixler-Unlicensed

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public reprimand with fine; in addition, the Board voted to allow Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director to sign the order in lieu of the Board Chair. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Dr. Meck updated the Board on the status of all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases closed; no additional action required:

- PSYC110025, PSYC120018, PSYC120023, PSYC120024, PSYC120032, PSYC120034 and PSYC120036

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC120030, PSYC120031, PSYC120037, PSYC120041, PSYC120043, PSYC120044 PSYC120045, PSYC120046, PSYC120047, PSYC120048 and PSYC120049

Complaint cases referred to/Pending with AG's Office:

- PSYC070051, PSYC090029, PSYC090048, PSYC100028, PSYC120025 and PSYC120042

Complaint Cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC120029 and PSYC120035

Complaint cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- PSYC120013 and PSYC120019

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 2:30 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Dr. Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D.

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
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These minutes were approved on: April 27, 2012